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HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER
of the SOCIETY *of the* SONS *of the*
REVOLUTION *in the* COMMON-
WEALTH *of* NEW JERSEY



INSTITUTED JANUARY 6, 1891

THE NEW JERSEY Society of the Sons of the Revolution respectfully invites your attention to the aims of this organization, and solicits the membership of those who are eligible, in order that its sphere of usefulness may be increased. Our objects are:

1. To keep alive the spirit of patriotism.
2. To revive the memories of the heroes of 1775-1783.
3. To foster devotion toward the institutions of our country.
4. To encourage historical research in relation to the Revolution.
5. To preserve documents, relics, and individual records of the Revolutionary Period.
6. To promote the celebration of patriotic anniversaries.
7. To impress the importance of these subjects upon the rising generation.

The Society is non-political and non-sectarian.

To become a member of this Society the applicant should be twenty-one years old, of good repute in the community, and be recommended by two members.

Proof is required that the applicant is a *lineal descendant* of an ancestor who was at all times unflinching in his loyalty, and rendered actual service in the cause of American Independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine or minute-man in the armed ~~forces~~ ^{forces} of the Continental Congress, or any one of the several colonies, or as a signer of the Declaration of Independence, or as a member of any continental, Provincial, or Colonial Congress or Legis-

lature, or as a civil officer either of one of the colonies or states, or of the National Government, or as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence.

The archives of the State of New Jersey contain an almost perfect record of the services of her citizens during that period, and additional information may be obtained from town records and published genealogies.

Most of the New England States have published the records of their soldiers and sailors during the Revolutionary Period.

The first step in applying for membership should be to ascertain the name of the ancestor who lived at a time that would possibly include him in the Revolutionary service, and the name of the place in which he lived. Then write to the Adjutant-General or Secretary of State in the Colony or State where the ancestor lived, and obtain from him a certified copy of the ancestor's record. The certificate should be filed with the Secretary of the Society, together with the names of two persons who have signified their willingness to recommend the applicant.

A blank form with full instructions will then be furnished by the Secretary. The concise record of the ancestor's service is required. The pedigree should be traced only to the ancestor who served in the war.

Citations from authorities in proof of service are required from duly authenticated histories and printed records. If more than one line of descent is claimed, supplemental applications should be made for each line of descent.

The Initiation fee is ten dollars; annual dues—five dollars; life membership—fifty dollars by a member in good standing; endowed membership—one hundred dollars.



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What Has Been Done by the New Jersey Society.

A tablet has been placed in Nassau Hall in Princeton, New Jersey, to commemorate the battle of Princeton, January 3, 1777.

A Prize Essay Contest has been held among the school children of the State upon the subject of Washington's Campaign in New Jersey.

The Society has made contributions toward the preservation of historic buildings at Somerville and Rocky Hill every year since 1898.

A Trophy has been presented to the National Guard of the State as an annual prize for the best company figure of merit in marksmanship.

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